SI.No.	Location	Railway	.No.	Location	Railway
89.	Habibganj/Bhopal	West Central Railway	95.	Ahmedabad	Western Railway
90.	Indore	Western Railway	96.	Vadodara	Western Railway
91.	Vapi	Western Railway	97.	Dwarka/Okha	Western Railway
92.	Veraval	Western Railway	98.	Surat	Western Railway
93.	Rajkot	Western Railway	99.	Bombay Bandra	Western Railway
94.	Mumbai Central	Western Railway	100	. Ujjain	Western Railway

Gauge conversion in Rajasthan and Uttaranchal

899. **SHRI HARISH RAWAT:**
SHRISANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for gauge conversion in Rajasthan and Uttaranchal going to be executed under National Rail Development Scheme;

(b) if so, what is the proposal and when it is being executed;

(c) whether Jaipur-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari section, which is quite sensitive and important is also going to be included in the scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Gauge conversions of Bhildi-Samdari and Ajmer-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari in Rajasthan are being executed under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY) by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). These projects are expected to be completed in 2008-09.

No project in Uttaranchal is being executed under NRVY.

Manual scavenging at platforms

900. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) **the** details of petition filed by 'Safai Kamdar Andolan' before Supreme Court on inhuman practice **of** manual scavenging in Indian Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that manual scavenging is prohibited in our country by 1993 **Parliament Act; and**

. **(c) if** so, **what** actions are taken by his Ministry to stop manual scavenging on railway . **platforms?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R VELU): (a) Writ Petition (Civil) No. **583** was filed before the Hon ble Supreme Court of India by Safai Karamchari **Andolan and Others** *versus* Union **of** India & Others requesting the Hon'ble court to direct **the concerned Departments, including Railways, to take immediate time bound** and effective **steps for eliminating manual scavenging.**